From: The Friends of Mitchell State Park

Cadillac, Michigan

To: House Committee on Great Lakes Environment

Attn: Cathy Petrosky Committee Clerk

The Friends of Mitchell State Park fully support the Passport Proposal to add \$10.00 to the license plate fees to support our parks and recreation areas. Michigan's natural resources are essential to the well being of our State. We do have some concern as to the administration of this proposal and the fact that it appears one could opt out but still use the park and pay no fee. It would seem all who use the parks should pay for the privilege.

We hope the State presents a good public relations program to explain to the general public the important role our parks and other recreation areas play in our State. Tourism is a very important part of our State's economy and we should maintain the excellent resources we have.

Sincerely, Kathleen A. Kelso, Secretary Friends of Mitchell State Park

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